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TAGS: PFOR, JA, CH

SUBJECT: NEW JAPANESE FORMULATION ON PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY

1. DURING DIET INTERPELLATIONS LAST WEEK PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCORPORATING IN PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH PRC CLAUSE OPPOSING HEGEMONY AS LONG AS CHINESE UNDERSTOOD THAT JAPAN ACTION "BASED ON THE JAPANESE PEACE CONSTITUTION."

2. AS CHINA DIVDIR TAJIMA EXPLAINED FUKUDA'S STATEMENT TO EMBOFF FEB 9, REFERENCE TO "PEACE CONSTITUTION" WAS EFFORT TO REPLACE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA'S "FOUR POINTS" AS THE BASIS FOR ANY FUTURE JAPANESE EXPLANATION SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN TREATY WITHOUT ACTUALLY REPUDIATING SUBSTANCE OF THESE POINTS. "PEACE CONSTITUTION RENOUNCED WAR AS INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY AND REQUIRED THAT JAPAN MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. IF CHINESE UNDERSTOOD THAT JAPANESE SIGNATURE OF TREATY BASED ON THESE PREMISES
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PRESUMABLY THEY WOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT JAPAN INTENDED THAT TREATY NOT BE AIMED AT ANY THIRD COUNTRY, NOR COMMIT JAPAN TO ANY FUTURE ACTION AGAINST HEGEMONY, I.E. THE SUBSTANCE AT THE HEART OF MIYAZAWA'S FOUR POINTS.

3. THOUGH "PEACE CONSTITUTION" FORMULA MAY

ULTIMATELY HELP TO MOVE PFT NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD,
IT WAS NOT PRESENTED WITH THIS AS PRIMARY PURPOSE.
RATHER IT WAS DEVISED IN FOREIGN OFFICE IN
EFFORT TO REMOVE PFT AND "FOUR POINTS AS
ABRASIVE ISSUE BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA, BETWEEN FUKUDA
AND DIET, AND BETWEEN LDP POLITICIANS AND
FOREIGN OFFICE. THOUGH CHINESE HAVE NOT REACTED
AT ALL, FORMULATION HAS PROVED UNCONTROVERSIAL IN
DIET SO FAR, AND EMBARRASSING PUBLIC DISAGREEMENTS
BETWEEN CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA AND SENIOR
FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ON APPLICABILITY OF "FOUR POINTS"
HAVE SUBSIDED.

4. FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD LIKE THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS
TO CONTINUE. TAJIMA SAW JAPAN'S BEST INTEREST SERVED
BY SHELIVING TREATY ISSUE AND PUSHING SLOWLY AND
STEADILY AHEAD ON DAILY ASPECTS OF RELATIONSHIP
WITH,CHINA

LIKE TRADE, SHOESMITH

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